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FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR JOVA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMG, MX

SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 97854

1. I SOUNDED OUT FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA THIS MORNING ON THE SUBJECT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HIS RESPONSE WHILE NON-COMMITTAL WAS NOT UNSYMPATHETIC AND HE INDICATED HE HAD BEEN GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO THIS SUBJECT. AT HIS REQUEST, I AM SENDING HIM A LETTER IMMEDIATELY GIVING A LITTLE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT, CLARIFYING THAT IT WAS NOT SOLELY A MATTER OF ORPHANS AS HE SEEMED TO THINK. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA PROMPTLY.

2. I CANNOT PREDICT WHAT THE EVENTUAL MEXICAN RESPONSE WILL BE. ECHEVERRIA MIGHT BELIEVE THAT MEXICO'S THIRD WORLD IMAGE WHICH HE HAS SO CAREFULLY POLISHED MIGHT BE TARNISHED BY ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES WHO WILL INEVITABLY BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND TO SOME EXTENT WITH US. ON THE OTHER HAND, MEXICO HAS A LONG AND PROUD TRADITION OF GIVING ASYLUM TO REFUGEES. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORT THE RESPONSE TO MY APPROACH.

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